IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2008-CA-031975 XXXX MB

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a water management district organized And existing under the laws of the State of Florida,

Plaintiff.

,	
vs.	
THE STATE OF FLORIDA, et al.	
Defendants.	

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION BY JUPITER ISLAND GARDEN CLUB, INC.

Pursuant to section 75.07, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.230, the Jupiter Island Garden Club, Inc. ("JIGC") hereby intervenes as a "person interested" in this proceeding and in support thereof states as follows:

- 1. JIGC is a 501 (c)(3) Florida non profit corporation organized in 1967 and headquartered in the Town of Jupiter Island, Martin County, Florida.
- 2. JIGC is dedicated to the beautification of South Martin County and North Palm Beach County, and to the restoration, improvement and protection of the quality of the environment of Florida, and to the conservation of Florida's natural beauty and resources.
- 3. JIGC has worked to protect the Everglades through its environmental leadership, and the activism of its members. JIGC supports the public purchase and use of U.S. Sugar Corp. land in the Everglades Agricultural Area to convey, store and treat

water for the natural system and for water supply. Clean and abundant fresh water to support human and environmental needs is the primary goal of Everglades' restoration. Florida must act to secure the land now, when it is available from a willing seller. The lack of land to move, store and treat water has limited previous restoration efforts and water supply planning. South Florida's economic growth is linked to the success of restoring the flow of abundant clean water through the Everglades system.

- 4. Over the last twenty years, taxpayers have committed billions of dollars to Everglades' restoration projects. This investment is now secured by Governor Crist's Reviving the River of Grass Initiative. The purchase, use and disposition of the land currently owned by U.S. Sugar is the best option now available. JIGC's commitment to this plan and the investment of public funds secures the investments we have already made and ensures the economic and environmental benefits of Everglades' restoration.
- 5. JIGC has actively participated in, and sponsored, education programs, conferences, lectures, fund-raisers and publications aimed at promoting the protection and conservation of Florida's natural beauty and resources, including the Everglades.
- 6. JIGC has members who have used and enjoyed the invaluable wildlife, scenic, recreational, and water resources of Everglades National Park and other wetland areas in the region, the quality of which will be protected and improved by the land purchased with the issuance of the bonds in question.
- 7. The interests of JIGC and its members in the protection of these resources will be affected by the resolution of this matter.
- 8. JIGC supports the environmental and financial plans approved by and embodied in the resolutions of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water

 Management District (the "District"), which are the subject of this action. JIGC opposes

attempts by short-sighted and self interested private interests aimed at thwarting the District's efforts to restore the Everglades.

WHEREFORE, JIGC respectfully requests that the Court enter final judgment in favor of the District and validate the proposed financing program.

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